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SUBJECT: Request for Clarification of No Action Designations for Several Sites under the

Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFA/CO) (FMDP-RFDP-06-040)

Dear Mr. Ceto and Mr. Koch:

While reviewing our records we have found several FFA/CO sites with discrepancies in designation comments among our agencies. These may appear to be subtle differences, but the small difference in wording between a "No Further Action" site and a "No Action" site is important. The "No Further Action" designation requires implementation of institutional controls while the "No Action" designation does not. In order for us to apply the correct level of management at these sites, we seek uniformity and consensus in the designations for these sites. The sites in question are MISC-001, -002, -003, -005, -006, -007, -008, -011, -012, -013, -014, -015, -016, -019, -020, -023, -024, -029, -039, and -046.

I believe these sites should be No Action sites, because they are primarily vestiges of early-settlement domestic debris, abandoned agricultural equipment, stripped-down car bodies, and other innocuous items posing no real threat as contamination sources. Your concurrence in clarifying these designations is requested. The enclosed compact disk contains a file recording the existing applicable documentation for each of these sites to assist you in your review.

If you have questions please contact me at (208) 526-5793.

Sincerely,

Nolan R. Jensen, FFA/CO Project Manager

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Enclosure